

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated June 14, 2007, the Examiner rejected claims 30-34 and 41-57, while withdrawing claims 34-40 and 45-57 from consideration (however, it is noted that Applicants previously cancelled claims 34-40). In addition, the Examiner objected to claim 44. Claims 30-33, and 41-43 have been cancelled herein without prejudice. Applicants have added new claims 58-60.

The Examiner objected to claim 44 for the reasons of record and indicated that claim 44 would be allowable if re-written to include the limitations of the base claim from which it depends, *i.e.*, claim 41. Thus, Applicants have amended claim 44, to recite in independent form, the limitations previously presented and including claim 41. Claim 44 is therefore in condition for allowance.

New claims 58-60 depend from claim 44 and are therefore in condition for allowance. Support for claim 60 can be found at, for example, page 8, lines 13-20; therefore, no new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

Claims 44 and 58-60 as presented herein are in condition for allowance. Applicants request expedited notice of allowance commensurate with the current claims.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

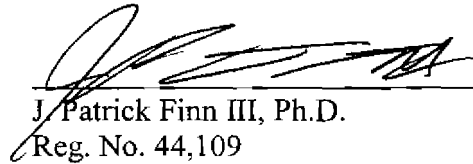
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